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SECRETARY CLARK SWEARS IN UNDER SECRETARY ANN DORE McLAUGHLIN

Praising her as "an executive of proven ability in management, communications and administration," Secretary William Clark today swore in Ann Dore McLaughlin as Under Secretary of the Interior.

Mrs. McLaughlin was confirmed yesterday by the Senate in a unanimous vote to succeed J.J. Jake Simmons III, who has been nominated by the President to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Mrs. McLaughlin brings a long and varied background of achievements to the Interior Department," Clark said in welcoming the new Under Secretary. "She is an executive of proven ability in management, communications and administration, and she is dedicated to the wise management of America's natural resources."

She is the first woman ever to serve as Under Secretary of the Interior, the second highest post in the Department.

At the time of her nomination to be Under Secretary of the Interior, Mrs. McLaughlin was serving as Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of the Treasury, a post she assumed in 1981. In a recent ceremony, Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan presented the Alexander Hamilton Award for distinguished leadership, that Department's highest honor, to Mrs. McLaughlin for her achievements during the past three years.

She was director of public affairs for the Environmental Protection Agency in 1973-74.

Her extensive experience in the private sector included serving as president of McLaughlin & Co. of Washington, D.C., and Washington manager of Braun and Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., 1977-1981; with Union Carbide Corp., state and local government relations, 1974-1977; and positions with advertising agencies and ABC network television prior to 1972. She was director of communications for the Presidential Election Committee 1971-72 and assistant to the chairman and press secretary for the Presidential Inaugural Committee in 1972-73.

A 1963 graduate of Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y., she served as director of alumnae relations for that institution 1963-1966. She also attended the University of London, Queen Mary College in 1961-62.

Mrs. McLaughlin was born in Chatham, N.J., on November 16, 1941.

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